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SUBJECT

Control of Subversive Activities of Political Agitators

and

Proposal to drop Proceedings against the Congress Leaders, who participated in the Meetings held on the 30th April 1945 and 1st May 1945.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

WD 03946—GPB—300—8-9-43

In column one, page one of "Jainadu" dated 23rd April 1945, it is reported that a meeting of the State Congress Working Committee is proposed to be held in Bangalore on the 30th April and 1st May 1945. (vide flag x)

The All Mysore Congress Working Committee is one of the organisations that were declared un-lawful associations in Govt. Notifn nos. 619/CB. dated 9th August 1942 (CB. file no. 147-42-(1). The convening of the meeting might perhaps have been brought to the notice of the Dt. Magistrate, Bangalore and action to stop the holding of the meeting may be taken by him.

If approved, the attention of the Dy. Comr. Bangalore Dt will be drawn to this news item appearing in "Tai Nadu".

Submitted

KMR 25/4/45

Please put up a dft letter as intimated

UP 25/4/45

CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH. No. 4395 Date. 26/4

Submitted

Draft letter is put up

KMR 25/4/45

Im & submit

UP 25/4/45

No. 3781/CB. dated 25/4/45
The Dy Magistrate, Bangalore

For perusal after issue

Min R & D

UP 25/4/45

C. F. 69] Meeting of the Congress Working Committee

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D.O. letter no. P.C. 66/44, dated 28th April 1945 from the Dy. Comr. & Dt. Magistrate, Bangalore Dt. forwarding a report regarding the proposed meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Bangalore on the 30th April and 1st May 1945.

D.O. letter no. P.C. 66/44 dated 29th April 45 from the Dy. Magistrate, Bangalore Dt. forwarding a copy of the letter addressed to the Dewan soliciting his instructions in the matter of the meeting of the All Mysore Congress Working Committee.

Submitted for perusal

The Dist. Magte told me this afternoon by Phone that Mr Bhashyam had met him and explained that the meeting called for was not a meeting of the working comm te. He told me this evening that he is watching & examining the situation closely & would submit a further detailed report.

In the meanwhile he has sent an S.B. report which gives details of todays meeting

Flag 'A'

Mr Ritz note on Sm

B 30/4

Dewan

I have sent to-day the D.O. letter of the Dy Dt on the subject with my remarks

Mr 1/5/45

B 3/5

The remarks of the Dewan on the letter of the Dt. Magistrate, Bangalore Dt.,

"This appears to be the best thing to do. Law Secy may also be consulted in person and instructions of Minister, Rev and Law, obtained before writing to Dy. com."

Submitted with the connected papers

Secy 3/5/45 — Chief Sec 4/5/45

Laws Sec. — B 4/5

3 4/5/45 4 pm

Flag A is the order of Govt. declaring

(1) The all-Mysore Congress Committee,

(2) The all-Mysore Congress Working Committee, etc

(3) District & City Committees of the Mysore Congress

to be unlawful associations.

This order is not in force as such if any of these Committees meet, then Govt. can at once take action; or, an "unlawful association" cannot assemble & discuss any matters.

It is not known here, as to who are the members of these Committees.

The argument put forth in the P.O.D is that the President of the Congress (it must be remembered that the Congress as such

is not declared to be an unlawful assos.")
is called for a meeting of the prominent Congress
workers to discuss certain matters, which do not
will not conflict in any way with Govt. It is
further stated that they have no intention of
breaking the law.

It may so happen that in such
a meeting, the members of any one Committee + others or members of
the Committee + others, may be assembled. The
Question is, whether such a meeting if held
will violate Hay Q order? If Hay Q order
is carefully read it will be seen that
such a meeting as noted above will not
come under the provisions of Hay Q order.

If the meeting is of the
prominent leaders of the Congress, who also may
be members of one or other of the unlawful
Associations, then such a meeting cannot
be called ~~[illegible]~~ an unlawful assos.
as declared in Hay Q.

But if such a meeting has
for its object any unlawful purpose, then
we can take steps under the ordinary
law.

My attention is drawn
to Hay X, copy of the letter of
Mr Nightingale. From it, it is clear
that he has called for a meeting of
the working Committee. Therefore, he does not

say that it is the meeting of the Congress Working Committee". It should be ascertained as to who are the members of this assn" declared to be unlawful in Flag Q, & if notices are sent to such members alone, & if notices have been sent to the members of the Congress Working Committee alone, then Govt. can alone take action & issue notices to the President to stop such a meeting as it is in violation of Flag Q order.

Typed note is put up as directed. 3/5/27

Law Secretary) 3 4/5/45

Cleearly states that the meeting was not that of the working committee of the congress.

Flag A referred to in C.S.'s minute dated 30/4 ~~is not in the file~~. The C.S. states that the D.M. told him that the meeting called for was not a meeting of the working committee. If the press reports created an impression that the meeting was of the working committee. In flag X portion marked A is supposed to be the copy of the invitation to the meeting. The term working committee is left vague and it can not be judicially presumed that it was the working committee of the congress that was meeting. Hence on facts as they stand and are placed in the file, there is no case for being proceeded with. The suggestion given in concluding portion of para 3 of the D.M's letter, agreed to by the Dewan, may be approved and the D.M. informed accly. It would appear from para 4 of the letter that any action against the members even if ~~they committed~~ a technical offence was made out will not be expedient.

H.V.

Typed note is put up as directed 3/5/27

min^ L & R)

Flag 'Q' is the order of Government declaring

(1) The all-Mysore Congress Committee,

(2) The all-Mysore Congress Working Committe, &

(3) The District and City Committees of the Mysore Congress

be unlawful associations.

This order is yet in force and as such if any of these Committees meet, then Government can at once take action, for, an "unlawful association" cannot assemble to discuss any matters.

It is not known to me, as to who are the members of these Committees.

The argument put forth in the P.U.D. is that the President of the Congress (it must be remembered that the Congress as such is not declared to be an unlawful association) has called for a meeting of the prominent Congress workers to discuss certain matters, which do not and will not conflict in any way with Government. It is further stated that they have no intention of breaking the law.

It may so happen that in such a meeting, the members of any one committee and others or members of all the Committees and others may be assembled. The question is, whether such a meeting if held will violate Flag 'Q' Order? If Flag 'Q' order is carefully read it will be seen that such a meeting as noted above will not come under the purview of Flag Q order.

If the meeting is only of the prominent leaders of the Congress, who also may be members of one or other of the unlawful associations, then such a meeting cannot be called an unlawful association as declared in Flag 'Q'.

But if such a meeting has for its object any unlawful purpose then we can take steps under the

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under the ordinary law.

My attention is drawn to Flag 'X' copy of the letter of Mr. Nijalingappa. From it, it is clear that he has called for a meeting of the Working Committee. Therein, he does not say that it is the meeting of the "Congress Working Committee". It should be ascertained as to who are the members of the associations declared to be unlawful in Flag 'Q' and find out if Notices are sent to such members alone, and if notices have been sent to the members of the congress working committee alone, then the D.M. can at once take action and issue notices to the President to stop such a meeting as it is in violation of Flag 'Q' order.

(Intd) K.P.P.
LAW SECRETARY) 4/5/45.

Flag 'A' referred to in C.S.'s minute dated 30/4 clearly states that the meeting was not that of the Working Committee of the Congress. The C.S. states that the D.M. told him that the meeting called for was not a meeting of the Working Committee. The press reports created an impression that the meeting was of the Working Committee. In Flag 'X' portion marked A is supposed to be the copy of the invitation to the meeting. The term working committee is left vague and it cannot be judicially presumed that it was the Working Committee of the Congress that was meeting. Hence on facts as they stand and explained in the file, there is no case for being proceeded with. The suggestion given in concluding portion of para 3 of the D.M's letter, agreed to by the Dewan, may be approved and the D.M. intimated accordingly. It would appear from para 4 of the letter that any action against the members even if a technical offence was made out will not be expedient.

(Intd) M.I.S.

Minr. L & R.

The Law Branch is a broken reed. The C.S. (who is probably going to retire today) may examine this more closely.

7/5/45

Flag X (2)

The Circular letter sent to the members has issued from the Congress Office and is signed by the General Secretary. It is stated therein that "a meeting of the members of the Working Committee" has been arranged. This letter by itself clearly indicates that the meeting is a meeting of the Working Committee of the Congress.

X (1)

The letter from the Joint Secretary, Mysore Congress to the City Superintendent of Police places the matter further beyond any doubt. There is a clear admission that the meeting was a meeting of the members who constituted the Working Committee. The distinction sought to be made out between a meeting of the Committee and a meeting of the members constituting the same is one which does not affect the illegality of the meeting and as such requires no notice.

As long as the notification of the 9th August 1942 declaring the Working Committee to be an unlawful association is in force, any such meeting as the one summoned in this case is a clear breach of that order and as such any member who takes part and any person who assists will be liable to the punishments provided in Section 12 of the Mysore Public Security Act.

~~No clearer evidence can be available or necessary than what is made out in this case.~~

Minister & Dewan

I agree with the view taken by the Minister & Dewan

I agree (and add that the other other charges are also clearly unbelievable).

8/5/45

10/5/45

9.5

Plan X

From the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore

No. 4029 (2/5) 45 dt 12/5/45

Acknowledges receipt of this office letter No. 9399/16/5 dt 5/5/45, and says the City Superintendent of Police has been instructed to proceed against the persons who participated in the meeting.

The result of the action taken will be intimated by the D.C. in due course and this may be awaited.

Chief Sy 16/5

(W) 17/5/45

Submitted to His Highness

SUBJECT:- Control of subversive activities of political agitators.

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In a Notification issued in August 1942, the marginally noted organisations of the Mysore Congress were declared to be unlawful associations, under Section 11 of the Mysore Public Security Act, XII of 1940. Under Section 12 of the same Act, persons who participate in the meetings of such an association, or assist in the operations of such an association, are liable to the penalties indicated therein.

* All Mysore Congress Committee.
All Mysore Congress Working Committee.
District and City Committees of the Mysore Congress.

2. From statements appearing in the newspapers, it was gathered that a meeting of the Congress Working Committee had been arranged to be held at Bangalore on 30th April and 1st May 1945. The attention of the District Magistrate, Bangalore, was drawn to the above announcement and to the circumstance that the Congress Working Committee continued to be an unlawful association by virtue of the notification referred to above. As a result of the enquiries made by the District Magistrate, it was found that a circular had been issued to the members from the Congress Office on 20th April 1945 intimating that "a meeting of the members of the Working Committee" had been arranged to be held on Monday the 30th April 1945 and also the next day in the Congress Office, Bangalore City. The Joint Secretary, Mysore Congress, who was addressed in the matter by the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City, has attempted to explain that the meeting under advertence was "not a meeting of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress as such, but a meeting of the members who constituted the Working Committee before the latter was declared unlawful". In the letter of the Joint Secretary, Mysore Congress, as well as in the Circular above referred to, there is an admission that the meeting in question was a meeting of the members who constituted the Working Committee. The distinction sought to be made between a meeting of the Committee and a meeting of the members constituting the same is one which lacks substance and does not take away from the

essentially illegal nature of the meeting. This is a violation of an order in force and is of significance, having regard to the recent tendencies of the congress leaders. In the circumstances, the District Magistrate, Bangalore, was requested to take further steps, after collecting evidence, to institute proceedings against the persons concerned, in connection with the meeting of the Congress Working Committee which continues to be an unlawful association. The District Magistrate has been taking necessary action accordingly.

3. It was also reported that arrangements were being made for holding an open Session of the Mysore Congress at Mysore about the middle of this month, and that it was contemplated to take the President in procession in a chariot drawn by several pairs of bullocks. The Inspector-General of Police considered that it was not desirable to allow Congress workers to take the President in a mammoth procession in Mysore City, and suggested that any such procession might be banned. The District Magistrate, Mysore, also sought the instructions of Government whether the holding of the Conference might be stopped, or whether it would be sufficient if the proceedings of the Conference were watched. After a careful examination of the question, Government considered that in the absence of information regarding the nature of the deliberations at the proposed sessions and its possible repurcussions on the public, it was not possible for Government themselves to give any definite and final instructions in regard to the holding of the meeting. The attention of the District Magistrate was, however, invited to Rule 56 of the Defence of India Rules under which he was empowered to take action to regulate processions, meetings, assemblies, etc., and it was suggested to him that he might take necessary steps under the said Rule so that processions, meetings, assemblies, etc., other than religious processions and meetings, could be held in the Mysore City only under permission to be granted by him and subject to such conditions as might be imposed by him having regard to the circumstances of each case. The District Magistrate was further informed that, in any case, it was not desirable to permit any public processions in connection with the session or other political meetings. It is since understood that the District Magistrate has taken action accordingly.

4. The papers are submitted for His Highness's gracious perusal.

DEWAN.

Bangalore,
18th May 1945.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

N 0.893
19.5.45

Subject.

Control of subversive activities of political agitators.

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Order.

21/5/'45

Chief Secy
24/5/45

25/5/45

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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SUBJECT:—

Control of subversive activities of political agitators.

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14. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Ministers for perusal after the issue of orders.

16. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after, to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Ministers.

17. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Ministers at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to Council of Ministers for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 14, 16 and 17 of the Subsidiary Rules of the Mysore Government Business Rules.) (*)

Chief Secretary to Government.
25/5/45

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department

Minister for Revenue and Law. 26/5

Minister for Public Works and Industries. 27.5

Minister for Local Self-Govt. and Public Health. What is his agreement reference as A. 29.5.45

Minister for Food and Civil Supplies. I would like to see this too. 30/5/45

31/5

The C.S. will take further action in pursuance of the agreement reached at the Cabinet on points mentioned for such further action. 26/5

26/5/45

NOTE.—Contn. sheet

WD 01413 – GDP – 500 – 29-11-44

C.B.

A. (Please put in white of file with H.H.'s orders) 31/5/45

Submitted to His Highness

Flag Y

In my Submission Note No. 893 dated 19th May 1945, I reported to His Highness the action taken by Government regarding (a) the holding of a meeting at Bangalore on 30th April and 1st May, of the Mysore Congress Working Committee which continues to be an unlawful association under a Notification issued in 1942 under Section 11 of the Mysore Public Security Act, and (b) the proposed holding of an open Session of the Mysore Congress at Mysore on 19th and 20th May 1945.

Action was accordingly taken by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, to proceed against the persons concerned for holding a meeting of the Congress Working Committee in violation of the notification. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, also issued an order under the Defence of India Rules prohibiting the holding of meetings, processions, etc., (other than religious processions and meetings) in Mysore City except under permission to be obtained from the Deputy Commissioner.

In view of these developments, Messrs. T. Subramanya and K. Chengalaraya Reddi, on behalf of the Congress, interviewed the Minister for Revenue and Law, who happens to be camping at Mysore at the moment, and tried to ascertain the intentions and policy of Government towards the Congress and to arrive at a correct understanding of the position. An account of the discussions that took place at the interview is given in the Note of the Minister which is submitted herewith for gracious perusal.

The Congress leaders have abandoned the idea of holding a Congress Session in Mysore and in view of the assurances given by them it is proposed to accept the suggestions made by the Minister for Revenue and Law and to drop further proceedings which it was proposed to take against those persons who had participated in the meetings held on the 30th April and 1st May 1945.

N. Madhava Rao

Bangalore,
21st May 1945.

DEWAN.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Proposal to drop proceedings against Congress leaders who participated in the meetings held on the 30th April and 1st May 1945.

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Order.

HN.
24/5/45.

14/6/45

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

SUBJECT:—

Proposal to drop proceedings against Congress leaders who participated in the meetings held on the 30th April and 1st May 1945.

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Chief Secretary to Government
16/6/45

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

Minister for Revenue and Law. 20/6

Minister for Public Works and Industries. 27/6

Minister for Local Self-Govt. and Public Health. 2/7

Minister for Food and Civil Supplies. 23/6

Minister. 28/6/45

CB. 3/7/45

Submission

Two drafts are put up

Chief Sec

Please type & revised. 16/6/45

(2) Revised draft for appl. Min R & L) 16/6/45

NOTE.—Contn. sheet

Issue & circular.

No. 4300 21.6.45 No. 4302 21-6-45. 21/6/45

WD 02270—GBP—500—3-4-45

D.O. letter no. G1-542/44-45 dated 4th May 1945 from the Dy. Magistrate, Hyderabad Dt., soliciting instructions as to whether the "open session of the Hyderabad Congress" proposed to be held on the 12th and 13th May 1945 in Hyderabad city, may be prevented or whether it would be sufficient if the proceedings of the Conference are watched and reported.

D.O. letter no. S.B.490/44-45 dated 5th May 194 from the I.G. of Police forwarding a report regarding the above subject & soliciting orders regarding the banning of the procession of the President in Hyderabad city.

The papers relating to the meeting held on the 31st April and 1st May 1945 of the Congress workers were submitted to Law Secy and it is ascertained that they have been submitted to the Min. for Rev. and Law.

The present question relates to the open session of the Congress likely to be held at Hyderabad on the 12th and 13th May 1945. The State Congress has not been declared an unlawful assembly and as such no action can be taken to prevent them from holding the session unless the meeting is banned now. The I.G. of Police is also of opinion that so long as the Congressites do not indulge in unfair criticism of Govt. or deliver objectionable speeches there is no need to interfere with

the holding of the open sessions. In case they transgress the bounds of law, the D.G. of Police says that necessary action will be taken against the individuals concerned. The suggestion of the D.G. of Police is for orders.

Secondly it is reported that there is every probability of the Congress President being taken in a procession in a chariot drawn by several pairs of bullocks through the main streets of the Mysore city. Mysore city being the capital of Mysore, the D.G. of Police feels that it is not desirable to allow this. Therefore orders are solicited regarding the banning of the procession, if any, to be held in Mysore city.

Submitted

Sam R. 7/5/45

Two reports have been received — one from the D.G.P. & one from the D.M. Mysore re: the Congress Sessions at Mysore from 12 & 13th of May 1945.

The D.G.P. suggests —

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(i) banning of the "mammoth procession for the Congress President proposed;

(ii) not interfering with the holding of the session itself, unless they indulge in unfair criticism of Govt or deliver objectionable speeches — (i.e. watching the proceedings)

For orders

Chief Sec. — Please abstract the further letter since rec'd from the IGP.

8/5/45

From the Hy. P.
D.O. d. 7.5.44

Sends copy of an S.B. report indicating differences among the Congress workers and states that in view of the split among them it does not seem desirable to stop the session as such an action on the part of Govt. would give them an opportunity to unite and even to defy. No procession need, however, be permitted.

For orders

[illegible] 8/5

[illegible] agree with the H.C. that it may not be expedient or desirable to stop the Session proposed to be held at Nagpur on the 12th & 13th inst. [illegible]

The procession may be barred by the Dy. Mysore under powers vested in him (vide Sec 45 of the Mysore Police Act) providing for the regulation, control of processions, by the grant of licenses (or otherwise) [illegible] Min. (R. & L.) [illegible] 8/5/45 & Dewan [illegible] Thros Law Sub [illegible] discussed with the Dewan. The neighbouring Govts should also be [illegible] 8/5/45 whether they should be [illegible] 8/5/45 meeting [illegible] 9.5 [illegible] 9.5

Orders may be issued confidentially about stopping the procession — 1A

Papers to be resubmitted for settlement of other points.

MM
10/5/45

MVT
10/5/45

A. Dft for appl.

Min R & L) MVT 11/5/45

Subsequent to the order of the Dewan @ 10.5 (above) this subject was discussed in the Dewan's chambers on 11.5 and it was agreed that the D.C. should take action under the D.I.R. & the Mysore Public Security Act. The Govt should take action in the first instance under the latter Act. The D.C. might be instructed that under D.I.R. (56) he should prohibit all public meetings & processions in Mysore for a fixed period, say about two months, except religious processions & meetings and people wanting to hold meetings to take out processions should apply to the D.C.

in the first instance for permission & the D.C. should satisfy himself of the bona fide of the applicants before granting permission.

OP 12/5

Dewan) WO 12/5/45

DCM 12/5/45

Dfts.

WO 12/5/45

Two drafts submitted as personally directed :—

(i) Draft notfn. declaring the City of Mysore to be a "proclaimed area" under Sec. 19 of the Public Security Act.

(ii) Draft letter to the Dy. Comr requesting him to take action under Rule 56 of the D.I. Rules, to prohibit public meetings etc on the lines indicated.

OP 12/5

Chief Sec

Two Dfts sub for consn. (To a certain extent the Dfts are alternative.)

Min R & L & Dewan) WO 12/5/45

The Min R & L with whom the Dfts were discussed.

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said that it may not be desirable for the Govt to issue a notfn declaring Mysore City a proclaimed area under the P. S. Act, and that the Govt letter to the Defn Cmr may be slightly revised as indicated.

WQ
12/5/45

Revised Govt for consn

Min R&L & Dewan

WQ
12/5/45

12/5

MM
13/5/45

WQ
13/5/45

Issued
13/5/45.

WD 06996—GPB—20,000—20-6-40

Form No. 24]

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

Received ..... *Registered* .....

From (Name) C. B. Shankara Iyer, Esq., B.Sc.,
City Superintendent of Police,
(Designation) Bangalore City.

Post Box....., (STATION) .....

Telegraphic Address.....

To

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist.,
Bangalore.

*No*C.C.1-223/*dated*8.....2nd May.....*1945*.

SIR,

POLITICAL

ENCLOSURES..... /

SPARE COPIES.....

In continuation of my reports regarding the Sessions of the Mysore Congress leaders I have the honour to state that at the meeting a suggestion was put forth that the open Sessions of the Congress must be convened in Bangalore City so that it may serve as a rebuff to the authorities who tried to prevent the meeting of the leaders. To this messrs. H.Siddiah, Nijalingappa, T.Subramanyam, and K. Changalaraya Reddy are reported to have replied that in doing so they would be precipitating matters. Moreover they have held the meeting without any hitch and the authorities have accepted their explanation. The time is precious for them and there is a lot to be done for convening the Sessions on the due dates. The things would have been different had anyone of the leaders been arrested but the officials were also more wise.

Mr.Nijalingappa stated that there is no room for lazy people in the Congress and they should either carry on actively the programme or be in the jails. They have a lot of work on hand. They must look to practical side and etc.

As regards the Sessions the difficulty of holding the same constitutionally and placing the resolutions officially was discussed. In this connection they are adopting the Madras Congress men's system of organising Sanghas. In the place of several Committees ad-hoc Committees will be formed which will serve the purpose. As regards the financial side it is confidentially ascertained that Dharmaprakasa Mr.L.S.Venkaji Rao will donate Rs.2,000/- out of Rs.8,000/-, the estimated expenses for the Sessions. The Delegates' fee is fixed at Rs.2/8/0.

The resolutions adopted by them for being placed at the Sessions are 1) Demanding the immediate releases of Isur and Shravanabelagola Prisoners especially the lady members, 2) Formation of a sub-committee to carry on actively the Constructive programme of the Congress throughout the State, 3) Defining the goal of Mysore Congress, as the achieving of complete responsible Government and setting at naught the previous resolutions passed at Holenarasipur and Nehru Nagar Sessions, 4) Condemning the various Prohibitory orders and bans and demanding their withdrawal, 5) Condemning the Food situation in the State in respect of supplies, method

D.O. No. G1-S42/44-45
End ane

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MR. C. M. H. RANAJODHA SINGH, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE,
Dated May 4, 1945

XX CB.
7/5/45

Dear Sir,

I enclose herein for your kind information a copy of the report of the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore, No. 323/44-45 dated 3rd May 1945 regarding the "open sessions of the Mysore Congress" proposed to be held on the 12th and 13th of this month in Mysore City. I may kindly be instructed as to whether they should be prevented from holding the Conference or whether it would be sufficient if the proceedings of the Conference are watched and reported. Government in their Order No. 619/C.B. dated 9th August 1942 have declared 'All Mysore Congress Committee,' 'All Mysore Congress Working Committee and District and City Committees of the Mysore Congress to be unlawful Associations.

Yours Sincerely,
C. M. H. Ranajodha

V.Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt.
of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Letter No. 323/44-45 dated 3rd May 1945 from the District Superintendent of Police, Mysore District, Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore.

Subject:- Open Sessions to be held at Mysore on 12th and 13th May 1945.

I have the honour to state that there is credible information that the Open Sessions of the Mysore Congress is going to be held on 12th and 13th of May 1945 in Mysore City.

In this connection, I bring to kind notice that the Government in their Order No. 619/C.B. dated Bangalore 9th August 1942 have declared 'All Mysore Congress Committee', 'All Mysore Congress Working Committee' 'District and City Committees' of the Mysore Congress to be unlawful Associations but not the Open Session of the Congress. (A Copy of the G.O. is herein enclosed for ready reference.)

It may be mentioned that the Congress people may assemble under the name, Viz., 'Congress Delegates' Meeting, 'Or 'Congress Workers' Meeting', etc.

Solicit instructions whether this Congress Session under any name could be allowed to be held in Mysore City.

'Copy'

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

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D. O. No. S.B.490/44-45.

S. NARAYANA RAO, Esq., M.A. (Hons.),
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

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BANGALORE

Dated 5th May 1945.

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7/5/45

My dear Vedavyasacharya,

In inviting reference to my letter No.S.B.490/44-45 dated 2nd May 1945 forwarding a copy of the report of an Officer of the Special Branch regarding the Congress - workers' meeting held at the Congress Office on 1-5-1945, I write to state that it is learnt that the open session of the Congress is likely to be held at Mysore on 12th and 13th instant. It is also learnt that there is every probability of the Congress President being taken in a procession in a chariot drawn by several pairs of bullocks through the main streets of Mysore City. During the last session of the Congress at Thitamaranahalli, Channapatna Taluk in 1942, the President was taken in procession in a chariot drawn by six pairs of bullocks and this time - if any procession is held, they may either have the same number of pairs of bullocks or increase them. Originally the idea was to hold this Conference at Goribidanur, but they have suddenly changed the venue of the - Session to Mysore. Mysore being the capital city of the State, I feel that it is not desirable to allow the Congress workers to take the president in a mammoth - procession. The Government may, therefore, consider the idea of banning the procession, if any, to be held by the Congress in Mysore City.

So far as the open session is concerned, the State Congress has not been declared as an unlawful assembly and as such, no action can be taken to prevent them from holding the session unless the meeting is banned now. - I feel that so long as the Congressites do not indulge in unfair criticism of Government or deliver objectionable speeches, there is no need to interfere with the holding of the open sessions. In case they transgress the bounds

of law, necessary action will be taken against the individuals concerned.

Yours sincerely,

S. Varadarajan

V.Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the
Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

D. O. No. S.B.490/44-45.
Encl.1

S. NARAYANA RAO, Esq., M.A. (Hons.),
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

SECRET.

BANGALORE

Dated 7th May '45

C.B.

8/5/45

My dear Vedavyasacharya,

In continuation of my D.O.letter No. S.B.490/44-45 dated 5/5/1945 regarding the - holding of an Open Session of the Mysore Congress I enclose a copy of a report of an officer of the Special Branch. In view of the split among Congressmen, it does not seem desirable to stop the session. Any such action on the part of the authorities is likely to afford them an opportunity to unite and even to defy it. It however seems necessary that no procession should be allowed to take place in the City of Mysore.

Yours sincerely,

S. Narayana Rao

Copy of a report dated 6th May 1945 of an Officer of the Special Branch, Bangalore.

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Open Session of the Mysore Congress proposed to be held at Mysore on 12th and 13th May 45.

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It is ascertained that so far no definite place has been fixed for holding the Sessions, nor any funds collected in this behalf. Difference of opinion exists among Messrs. S.Channiah and A.G.Bandi Gowda on one side and Messrs. M.R.C. Basappa, A.Krishnamurthi Rao, G.Janardan Naidu, T.Venkataramaniah and other local Congressites on the other. The idea of the latter group is to make elaborate arrangements at a cost of about 15 to 20 thousand rupees and have the sessions preferably in one of the - Taluk Headquarter towns, either Nanjangud or K.R.Nagar. But the former group seems to subscribe to the view that it should be held in the City with as much of minimum - expenditure as possible.

The latter group is also discouraging the holding of the sessions especially at the present juncture when a stalwart figure of the Congress has resigned and a new President has been elected, with a lot of controversy - hanging over the election. The latter group also feels that without the consent of the local Congressmen, Mr.Channiah has accepted at the Bangalore meeting the responsibility of holding the Sessions in Mysore. Therefore, there is visible non-cooperation from the group.

Mr. S.Channiah, it is ascertained, was telling prominent Congressmen of the City and Messrs. T.Siddalingiah, H.K.Veeranna Gowda and N.C.Thimma Reddy who were here - yesterday that he would be calling a meeting of the workers on the 6th or the 7th instant. He expected when he said this, it is ascertained, that the case against him in the City -

City Magistrate's Court would be over by that time. But the case, it is ascertained, is posted to the 9th instant. It is learnt therefore that no arrangements would be proposed to be made till the case is over.

Meanwhile it is suggested by a certain responsible section of the local Congressmen that the M- Sessions may be held in Mr. S.Channiah's house and arrangements for the lodging of the delegates being made in the adjacent house which Mr. Channiah has given away for the Vokkaligar Hostel.

Yesterday it is learnt that Messrs. S.Channiah, H.K.Veeranna Gowda, N.C.Thimma Reddy, M.R.C.Basappa, T.Siddalingiah and other local Congressites met at a dinner party arranged by Mr. B.Narayanaswamy, Municipal Councillor and Ex-vice President of the Mysore City Municipal Council in connection with the marriage of his daughter and when asked, Mr. S.Channiah was - telling that he would intimate the place of holding the sessions in about two or three days.

It is also ascertained that so far they have not thought of making arrangements for the procession of the President-elect of the Sessions as they are apprehending interference from the authorities.

Mr. M.R.C.Basappa, the Treasurer of the City Congress Committee expressed that he was not aware of any collections being made in the City.

Mr. H.C.Dasappa is significantly dissociating himself with the arrangements for the Session.

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D. O. No.SB.490/44-45. Enc. one.

S. NARAYANA RAO, ESQ., M.A.(Hons),
Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

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BANGALORE,

dated 8th May 1945.

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8/5/45

Dear Mr. Vedavyasacharya,

In continuation of my D.O.No.SB.490/44-45 dated 7-5-1945, I enclose for the information of Government, a copy of a further report dated 7-5-45 regarding the holding of an Open Session of the Congress at Mysore. It is now learnt that the Session is postponed to a future date, probably 19th and 20th instant.

For perusal.

Yours sincerely,

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8/5/45

S. Narayana Rao

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Mysore, Bangalore.

To be noted with the following Dy. Secy.

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Report dated 7th May 1945 of an officer of the Special Branch at Mysore.

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SUBJECT:- Open Session of the Mysore State Congress proposed to be held in Mysore City.

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In continuation of my report of yesterday, made further confidential enquiries regarding the above, along with - Mr. K.V. Lakshmana Iyer, Sub-Inspector of Police, Special Branch. It is reliably learnt that the Open Session which was proposed to be held on the 12th and 13th instants is postponed by four or five days. The exact dates of the Session and the place will be fixed at a meeting of the workers of the City which will be held to-morrow evening at 7 p.m. in the Congress Office at Sayyaji Rao Road.

The reasons for the postponement are ascertained to be, that most of the local Congressmen are not actively co-operating with Mr. S.Chenniah towards the arrangements and - collection of funds and that Mr. S.Chenniah is anxious about the result of the case against him which is posted for - judgement on the 9th instant.

It is learnt from well-informed quarters that the Session may be held in the house of Mr. S.Chenniah on the 19th and 20th instants, on a small scale, allowing the 200-300 delegates that are expected to attend, to make their own arrangements for boarding and lodging.

It is also learnt that Mr. S.Chenniah has requested the State Congress to help him with funds from the Central Committee.

Further developments are being watched.

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D.O. No. G1-542/44-45

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MR. C. M. H. RANAJODHA SINGH, B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

MYSORE,

Dated 16th May 1945

C.B.
18/5/45

Dear Sir,

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your Demi-Official letter No. 4046/C.B. dated 13th May 1945 and action will be taken as indicated therein.

Yours Sincerely,

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, BANGALORE.

Strictly Confidential

D.O. No. 4046/C.S. D/ 13.5.45.

Issued. 13/5/45.

Dear Sir

With reference to your demi-official letter No G, -542/44-45, dated 4th May 1945, regarding the open Sessions of the Mysore Congress proposed to be held ~~on the 18th of this month in Mysore City, this~~ at Mysore this month, I am desired to state that in the absence of information regarding the nature of the deliberations at the proposed Sessions and its possible ~~reactions~~ repercussions

on the public, it is not possible for Govt at this stage to give you ~~any~~ definite official instructions in ~~regard~~ ~~to the~~ regard to the holding of the meetings.

I am, however, to ~~pass state~~ add that under present conditions it appears ~~to be~~ desirable that the holding of meetings, assemblies etc. ~~in the manner~~ in the Mysore City ~~should be~~ is regulated in the manner provided for under Rule 56 of the Defence of India Rules as in force in Mysore. In Notfn. no R.L. 1689/Leys 2-41-92, d. 9.3.42, Govt. have delegated to Dy. Comrs the powers of taking action under this ~~Se~~ Rule, and

I am to suggest that necessary steps be taken by you under the above Rule so that processions, meetings, assemblies etc can be held in the Bezwada City only under permission to be granted by you and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by you having regard to the circumstances of each case.

(Other than religious processions & meetings)

In any case, it is not desirable ~~would be undesirable~~ to permit any public processions in connection with this Session or other political meetings, ~~and if in case on or if~~

~~There be any move on the part of the organisers to take the President in procession~~

and in case there be any move to take the President in procession etc, the same should not be permitted ~~prevented~~. The favour of an acknl. is requested.

Yours sincerely
WA 12/5/1951
Chief Secy

No. 4047/C.B. Dt 13/5/1951
Copy to D.G.P.

Issued 13/5

Issued 13/5/45.

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MR. V.VEDAVYASACHARYA, B.A.,
Chief Secretary
to Government.
D.O. No. 4046/C.B.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
(Camp) Mysore, 13th May 1945.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your demi-official letter No.Cl.542/44-45, dated 4th May 1945, regarding the Open Sessions of the Mysore Congress proposed to be held at Mysore this month, I am desired to state that in the absence of information regarding the nature of the deliberations at the proposed Sessions and its possible repercussions on the public, it is not possible for Government at this stage to give you definite and final instructions in regard to the holding of the meetings.

I am, however, to add that under present conditions, it appears desirable that the holding of meetings, assemblies, etc., in the Mysore City is regulated in the manner provided for under Rule 56 of the Defence of India Rules as in force in Mysore. In Notification No.R.L.1689/Legis.2-41-92, dated 9th March 1942, - Government have delegated to Deputy Commissioners the power of taking action under this Rule, and I am to suggest that necessary steps be taken by you under the above Rule so that processions, meetings, assemblies, etc., other than religious processions and meetings, can be held in the Mysore City only under permission to be granted by you and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by you having regard to the circumstances of each case.

In any case, it is not desirable to permit any public processions in connection with this Session or other political meetings, and in case there be any move to take the President in a procession, etc., the same should not be permitted.

Yours Sincerely,

SD/- V. Vedavyasacharya.

C.M.H.Ranajodha Singh, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District,
Mysore.

P.T.O.

Issued. 13/5/45.

Memo No. 4047/C.B. Dated 13th May 1945.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded with compliments, to the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE

SUBJECT.

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REPLY

(*To be written on this margin.*)

OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND LAW.

NOTE

Dated 17th June *1945*

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR REVENUE & LAW.
No. M.1096
Date 18/6/45

In pursuance of the understanding arrived at with the Congress leaders at Mysore, the desirability of instructing the District Magistrate, Mysore, to withdraw the order recently passed by him under the Defence of India Rules, has to be considered. Please examine and put up soon.

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Chief Secretary to Government)

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Submitted

The main file with two draft letters. (to the Dt Magistrates, Bangalore and Mysore Dts) was submitted to the Minister for Rev and Law on 16th June 1945.

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The drafts were approved by the Minister & issued today

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D.O.No 4300/CB 21/6/45

Confidential.

Dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

I am (desired) to invite reference to the correspondence ending with my D.O.letter No. 4028/C.B.dated 12th May 1945 regarding the institution of proceedings against the persons concerned, in connection with the meeting of the Congress Working Committee held at Bangalore on 30th April 1945 and 1st May 1945. On further consideration, and in view of certain explanations offered in this behalf, Government direct that further proceedings in the matter be dropped. The action taken may please be reported.

Signed by Mr V. Vedavyasachary. Secretary Issued on 21/6/45

Yours sincerely,

16/6/45

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A.,
District Magistrate, Bangalore Dist.

Memo No 4301/CB 21/6/45

Copy to for I.G.P.

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No 4302

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Confidential.

Dear Mr. Ranajodhasingh,

I am desired to invite reference to your D.O.letter No.G.1-542/44-45 dated 10th May '45 stating that steps would be taken by you on the lines indicated in my D.O.letter No;4046/C.B. dated 13th May 1945 in regard to banning of processions, meetings, assemblies etc.,(other than religious processions and meetings) in the Mysore City. In view of subsequent developments, you may now consider the question of withdrawing the order issued by you prohibiting meetings etc., in Mysore City, in case you are satisfied that the continuance of the order is no longer necessary. Action taken may please be reported.

I am to state that

Issued on 21/6/45
Signed by Mr
V. Vedavyasachariar
Chief Secretary Govt.

Yours sincerely,

16/6/45

C.W.H.Ranajodhasingh, Esq., B.A.,
District Magistrate, Mysore.

Memo No 4303/CB dt 21-6-45
Copy to DGP

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No.G1-542/44-45

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District
Dated, Mysore the 22nd June 1945

From
C.M.H.Ranajodha Singh, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

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To
V.Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Please put up with the file.

Sir,

With reference to your confidential letter No.4302/C.B. dated the 21st instant requesting me to consider the necessity for the continuacnce of the prohibitory order issued by me regarding the prohibiting of processions, meetings, assemblies etc., in Mysore City, I have the honour to state that I have withdrawn the said notification as I feel that there is no longer any nceessity to continue the said notification considering the present conditions.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
MYSORE DISTRICT

Sub. for formal. (The main file is under circulation, for formal of HH's order.)

Min'r & C & Dewan)

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 3781/CB.

25th April 1945.

Dear Sir

I am desired to draw your attention to the news appearing in the columns of "Tai Nadu" dated 25th April 1945, stating that a meeting of the State Congress working Committee is proposed to be held in Bangalore, on the 30th April 1945 and 1st May 1945, under the heading "Conference of the Mysore Congress Leaders", and to state that the order issued in Government Notification No. 619/C.B. dated 9th August 1942 declaring among others that the "All Mysore Congress Working Committee," is an unlawful association, is still in force.

Yours Sincerely,

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A.
District Magistrate,
Bangalore District,
Bangalore.

Memo No. 3782/CB dated 25th April 1945.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded with compliments to the Inspector-General of Police, in Mysore, Bangalore.

25/4/45

Chief Secretary to Government.

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3781/CB 25/4/1945.

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To
The District Magistrate,
Bangalore District.
(by name)

Dear Sir,

I am desired to draw your attention to the news appearing in the columns of "Tai Nadu" dated 25th April 1945 stating that ~~it is proposed to hold~~ a meeting of the State Congress Working Committee is proposed to be held in Bangalore, on the 30th April ~~1945~~ and 1st May 1945 under the heading "Conference of the Mysore Congress leaders" and to state that the order issued in Govt. Notification No. 619/C.B. dated 9th August 1942 declaring among others that the "All Mysore Congress working Committee" is an unlawful association, is still in force.

Yours sincerely,

25/4/45

Chief Secretary to Govt

3782/CB Copy to DGP

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Copy of a report dated 24-4-45 by an Officer
of the Special Branch, Bangalore.
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Mr.H.C.Dasappa who arrived here yesterday had met Messrs. M.N.Jois, M.N.Sitaramiah, K.J.Satyanarayana Setty, R.V.Bhadranna and K.S.Kumaran who represented before him that the elections did not take place constitutionally and that all their efforts to strive for the success of Mrs.Yeshodara Dasappa in the elections proved futile in the face of the power and influence exercised by the Congress leaders like Messrs.Bhashyam and Subramanyam. Mr.Dasappa is learnt to have patiently heard the representations and said that his wife had in no way been affected by her failure in the elections, but such unfair dealings should not have taken place in the organization lest it should undermine the dignity, unity and solidarity of the party. He stated that they should not mind these things, for, after all they are trivial, and that they should concentrate their attention on the constructive work rather than on parliamentary activities and that, that was the avowed policy of Mr.Gandhi also.

Mr.Dasappa also met Messrs.Bhashyam, Nijalingappa and N.C.Thimma Reddy at the Congress Office and discussed about the present political situation, the message of Mahatma Gandhi with regard to the present work to be carried out and the convening of the Open Sessions of the Congress.

While congratulating Mr.Nijalingappa on his success in the presidential elections to the Mysore Congress, Mr.Dasappa is learnt to have been silent when the question of the conduct of the elections was on the point of being brout on him. He did not like to dwell at length on the subjects that were discussed there, but only said that he had no objection in holding the Sessions next month on 12th and 13th and that they should all work in right earnest in the interest of the institution sinking all their differences and working on the lines indicated by Mr.Gandhi.

As already reported, the Working Committee meeting of the

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Mysore Congress is arranged to be held in-camera at the Congress Office on the 30th instant and the 1st proximo to chalk out the programme for the Open Sessions of the Mysore Congress and also to consider the Parliamentary and Constructive aspects of the programme of work of the Congress in the ~~matters~~ State.

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SECRET

No. SB. 490/44-45. Dated, Bangalore, the 26th April 1945.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore, for information.

C. B. ... 45

For Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH No. 4460 Date 2/4/45

** Please put up with previous papers

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OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND LAW.

BANGALORE,

Dated 25th April 1945.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER
FOR REVENUE & LAW.
No. M 881
Date 25/5

In the abstract sent by the Publicity Officer on the date 24-4-45, there is a note under the Tainadu of date 23-4-45 that a meeting of the State Congress Working Committee is proposed to be held in Bangalore on the 30th April and the 1st of May 1945. Please pursue this point.

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Chief Secretary.)

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Mr.N.Madhava Rao,B.A.,
District Magistrate.
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Bangalore
28th A p r i l 45.

My dear Sir,

With reference to your confidential D.O.letter No.3781/CB dated 25th April 45 drawing my attention to the news appearing in the columns of " Tai Nadu " dated 25th April 45 re: proposed meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Bangalore on 30-4-45, I write to enclose a copy of the report obtained from the Superintendent of Police Bangalore City yesterday in the matter and to state that as will be seen from the enclosure to the City Superintendent's letter, he has written a letter to Mr.S.Nijalingappa President Mysore Congress on the 25th instant regarding the said meeting, reminding him at the same time that the Government notification dated 9-8-42 declaring the " All Mysore Congress Committee " an unlawful association was still in force. Mr.Nijalingappa's reply is awaited. So far as the information is available goes it would appear that the leaders of the Mysore Congress Organisation intended to meet in the Congress Office at Bangalore on the 30th instant and 1-5-45 to discuss the future activities of the organisation and that the result of the deliberations may be published in the form of a statement to the press. I wish in this connection to point out that the only associations which have banned under the Government Order in question are the All Mysore Working Committee and the District and City Committees of the Mysore Congress and that strictly speaking a meeting purporting to be that of the leaders of the Mysore Congress is not one which is covered by the Government Order. It is possible that Mr.S.Nijalingappa would take shelter under this but however his reply to the City Superintendent's letter is awaited. In the meanwhile I would like to be enlightened

as to the intention of Government in this behalf in the light of the information furnished by the City Superintendent of Police.

Yours sincerely
N. Narasimha

V.Vedavyasacharya,Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Letter No.C.C.421/44-45 dated 27-4-45 from the City Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City to the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

With reference to your memo No.P.C.4/44-45 dated the 27th instant re: the publication of news with regard to the working Committee meeting of the Mysore Congress, I write to invite your kind reference to my memo of even No dated the 25th instant submitting the copy of my D.O.letter addressed to the General Secretary of the Mysore Congress in the matter.

The letter has been acknowledged by Mr.H.K.Veeranna Gowda, Joint Secretary of the Mysore Congress on the 26th instant. I am awaiting his reply in the matter. From enquiries made it is learnt that the leaders of the congress organisation who were members of the Congress Working Committee now under ban propose to meet on the 30th and 1-5-45 at the congress office premises for discussing certain aspects and future activities of the organisation. The deliberations may be published in the form of a Press statement by the President of the Mysore Congress.

The Mysore Congress is not banned but only the several Committees. From this it is apparent that the Congressmen are alive to the fact of the existence of the Governmen t Order. I do not think any action is necessary at this stage.

I will be submitting for for your information the reply of the General Secretary after its receipt.

D.O.letter No.C.C.421/44-45 dated the 25th instant addressed to the General Secretary and Pres-ident elect of the Mysore Congress.

It has appeared in columns of Janavani daily dated 23-4-45 that the All Mysore Congress Working Committee will be meeting in Bangalore City on 30-4-45 and 1-5-45 I request you to favour me with a reply whether the Press report has any foundation and whether it is a fact that such a meeting will be convened as described above.

In this connection I would also like to bring to your notice that the Notification No.CB.619 of the Mysore Government dated 9-8-42 declaring the All Mysore Congress Working Committee and the District and ~~Taluk~~ City Committees of the Mysore Congress to be unlawful associations under section 11 of the Mysore Public Security Act is still in force and the ban has not yet been lifted.

Thanking you for your early compliance.

Copies.

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The letter was received at 9 PM on 30/4/45

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Mr.N.Madhava Rao,B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.
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Chief Secy
Please see remarks marked

C.B.

Bangalore
29th April 1945.

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My dear Sir,

In confirming my telegram of this day as in the margin, I write to enclose for kind perusal, copies of correspondence between the City Superintendent of Police and the General Secretary of the ~~All Mysore Congress Working Committee~~ Mysore Congress in the matter of holding of a meeting of the All Mysore Congress Working Committee on 30th instant and 1st May 1945.

> Dewan of Mysore,Fernhill,Ootacamund.
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> Mysore Congress Working Committee meeting Congress Office tomorrow for discussing policy programme for ensuring State Congress Session. Committee declared unlawful. Congress Secretary advised against violation If meeting is held action under Public Security Act will be taken. Report sent muddam.

2. A press report of the meeting also appeared in the " Tai Nadu " of the 23rd instant and the Chief Sec-retary in drawing my attention to it has pointed out in his letter No.3781/CB dated 25th April 45 that Government Notification declaring the All Mysore Congress Working Committee among others as an unlawful association was still in force. A copy of the letter is also enclosed.

3. The argument of the General Secretary of the Congress that the contemplated meeting is not of the All Mysore Congress Working Committee as such is obviously fallacious and in the circumstances I feel that there is no alternative for me except to take action under section 12 of the Public Security Act which reads as follows:-

> " 12. Whoever is a member of an unlawful association or takes part in meetings of any such association or contributes or receives or solicits any contribution for the purpose of any such association or in any way assists the operations of any such association shall be punished with imprison-ment for a term which may extend to six months or with fine or with both. "

As it is there is sufficient evidence that the members of the Congress would meet at the Congress Office,Cottonpet

and it is possible to obtain necessary further evidence required by authorising the City Superintendent of Police to enter the premises during the progress of the meeting. Under section 14 of the Mysore Public Security Act, the District Magistrate has power to take possession of the building wherein the contemplated meeting is to be held but in the absence of a notification by Government that the place is being used for the purpose of an unlawful association this course of action is not open in the present case. Further under section 3 of the Public Security Act, the District Magistrate has the power to arrest and detain persons who are likely to act in a manner prejudicial to public safety. This line of action is not practicable for the reason that it would be difficult to get at the members of the Committee before the time of the meeting. Thus there is no effective way of preventing the holding of a meeting either in a notified place or any where else. In the absence of any instructions to the contrary, I propose to allow the meeting to take place and to deal with the persons taking part in it after collecting the necessary evidence against them. In the meanwhile, the City Superintendent of Police has under my instructions intimated the General Secretary of the Congress that the holding of any meeting in violation of the Government Notification would render the members liable to action under Public Security Act.

This appears to be the best thing to do. Law can say what the consultation is proper & what action Number 1 & 2 obtained before acting & DC
MM
1/5/45

From the information gathered by the Special Branch it is understood that the main object of this meeting is to discuss parliamentary ~~xxxxxxx~~ and constructive programmes and to formulate proposals for the consideration of a Special Session of the Congress to be held shortly. In this connection there is information to the effect that the Congress is losing its popularity and hold on masses as a result of personal rivalries and quarrels among the so-called leaders and in the absence of any tangible results. From the fact that the General Secretary of the Congress

has in his reply to the City Superintendent of Police practically placed in his hands clear evidence of the holding of an unlawful meeting one is lead to suspect that any action by the authorities against the Congress leaders may not be unwelcome at a time when they are frantically attempting to compose their differences and rehabilitate themselves in the eyes of the public by bidding for their support, especially of the student population who are latterly taking a more active part in politics.

As this is a matter of political importance and involves questions of policy I thought it my duty to bring these facts to your kind notice for such instructions as Government may deem fit to issue in the matter.

I am therefore sending this letter through a special messenger and would be grateful for instructions, if any, being communicated to me by telegraph or by phone before 2p.m. tomorrow as the meeting is scheduled to be held at 3.p.m.

Yours sincerely
N. Madhava Rao

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N.Madhava Rao,Esq.,B.A.,B.L.,C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore
Fernhill
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Confidential D.O.letter No.3788/CB dated 25th April 1945 from the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore to the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

I am desired to draw your attention to the news appearing in the columns of " Tai Nadu " dated 25th April 45 stating that a meeting of the State Congress Working Committee is proposed to be held in Bangalore on the 30th April 45 and 1st May 45 under the heading " Conference of the Mysore Congress Leaders " and to state that the order issued in Government Notification No.619/CB dated 9th August 1942 declaring among others that the " All Mysore Congress Working Committee " is an unlawful association is still in force.

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D.O.letter No.C.C.421/44-45 dated the 25th instant addressed to the General Secretary and President-elect of the Mysore Congress from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City.

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It has appeared in columns of Janavani daily dated 23-4-45 that the All Mysore Congress Working Committee will be meeting in Bangalore City on 30-4-45 and 1-5-45. I request you to favour me with a reply whether the Press report has any foundation and whether it is a fact that such a meeting will be convened as described above.

In this connection I would also like to bring to your notice that the Notification No.CB.619 of the Mysore Government dated 9-8-42 declaring the All Mysore Congress Committee and the All Mysore Congress Working Committee and the District and City Committees of the Mysore Congress to be unlawful associations under section 11 of the Mysore Public Security Act, 1940 is still in force and the ban has not yet been lifted.

Thanking you for your early ~~reply~~ compliance.

Secret report No.C.C.421/44-45 dated 27th April 45 from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City to the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

With reference to your letter No.P.C.4444-45

dated the 27th instant re: the publication of news with regard to the Working Committee Meeting of the Mysore Congress, I write to invite your kind reference to my memo of even No dated the 25th instant submitting the copy of my D.O.letter addressed to the General Secretary of the Mysore Congress in the matter.

The letter has been acknowledged by Mr.H.K. Veeranna Gowda,Joint Secretary of the Mysore Congress on the 26th instant. I am awaiting his reply in the matter. From enquiries made it is learnt that the leaders of the congress organisation who were members of the Congress Working Committee now under ban propose to meet on 30th April and 1st May 45 at the congress office premises for discussing certain aspects and future activities of the organisation. The deliberations may be published in the form of a Press statement by the President of the Mysore Congress.

The Mysore Congress is not banned but only the several committees. From this it is apparent that the Congressmen are alive to the fact of the existence of the Government Orderr I do not think any action is necessary at this stage.

I will be submitting for your information the reply of the General Secretary after its receipt.

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N. Narasimha

Immediate and Confidential D.O. letter No.P.C.66/44-45 dated 28th April 45 from the District Magistrate, Bangalore Dt to the Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore.

With reference to your confidential D.O. letter No.3781/CB dated 25th April 45 drawing my attention to the news appearing in the columns of " Tai Nadu " dated 25th April 45 re: proposed meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Bangalore on 30-4-45, I write to enclose a copy of the report obtained from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City yesterday in the matter and to state that as will be seen from the enclosure to the City Superintendent's letter he has written a letter to Mr.S.Nijalingappa, President Mysore Congress on the 25th instant regarding the said meeting reminding him at the same time that the Government Notification dated 9-8-42 declaring the " All Mysore Congress Committee " an unlawful association was still in force. Mr.Nijalingappa's reply is still awaited. So far as the information available goes it would appear that the leaders of the Mysore Congress Organisation intended to meet in the Congress Office at Bangalore on the 30th instant and 1-5-45 to discuss the future activities of the organisation and that the result of the deliberations may be published in the form of a statement to the press. I wish in this connection to point out that the only associations which have been banned under the Government Order in question are the All Mysore Working Committee and the District and City Committees of the Mysore Congress and that strictly speaking a meeting purporting to be that of the leaders of the Mysore Congress is not one which is covered by the Government Order. It is possible that Mr.S.Nijalingappa would take shelter under this but however his reply to the City Superintendent's letter is awaited. In the meanwhile I would like to be enlightened as to the intention of Government in this behalf in the light of the information furnished by the City Superintendent of Police.

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Letter dated 28th April 45 from the Joint Secretary, Mysore Congress to the City Superintendent of Police.

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In reply to your D.O.C.C.421/44-45 dated the 25th instant I enclose herein a copy of the circular letter sent to the members and you will find therein that the meeting called for the 30th April and 1st May 45 is not a meeting of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress as such but a meeting of the members who constituted the Working Committee before the later was declared unlawful as per Govt Notification referred to in your letter.

MYSORE CONGRESS.

Congress Office, Bangalore
Dated 20th April 45.

(2)

Dear Friend,

A meeting of the members of the Working Committee is arranged to be held on Monday the 30th instant and also the next day the 1st May in the Congress Office Bangalore City. The meeting commences at 3.P.M. sharp on the first day. Please make it convenient for you to attend the meeting positively as important matters will have to be discussed in connection with the ensuing Special Session of the Mysore Congress.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely
Sd/-E.Nijalingappa
General Secretary.

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Mr.N.Madhava Rao,B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.
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CONFIDENTIAL BRANCH
No. 4491
Date 1/5/45

Bangalore
30th A p r i l 45.

My dear

In continuation of my yesterday's D.O.letter regarding the meeting of the Mysore Congress Working Committee, I write to enclose for the information of Government a copy of a reply of even date sent this morning by the General Secretary Mysore Congress to the City Superintendent of Police explaining that the meeting in question was one convened by the President of the Congress to discuss questions relating to the organization with the other leaders and was in no sense a meeting of the Working Committee.

2. At about 11 a.m. today Mr.S.Nijalingappa General Secretary and President-elect Mysore Congress and Mr.K.T.Bhashyam called on me and stated that the object of their visit was to explain the points set forth in the reply to the City Superintendent of Police referred to above, clarify the position and set at rest any doubts which the authorities may have regarding their intentions and the object of the meeting. They stated that ever since the release of congress leaders in 1943 the President had been calling for meetings of prominent workers of the Congress off and on to discuss the situation from time to time and that the present meeting was nothing more than one such. When I drew their attention to the press reports describing the meeting as that of the Working Committee and to the wording of the notice of the meeting they stated that the version published in the papers was not correct and that the notice of this meeting was not happily worded. They seemed most anxious to convince me that they intended

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It was only to be expected that since such explanation would be given. We are only concerned with anything except the legal position & the sufficiency of the evidence that is available. This may be examined carefully & quickly

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to do nothing out of the ordinary or to embark upon any activities to bring them into conflict with Government. They added that if they had any intention of breaking the law they would surely not have taken the trouble of explaining the position through letters followed by a personal interview to elucidate points of doubt as they had done. It was also added that if need be they were prepared to get a contradiction published in the papers to the effect that the meeting was not that of the Working Committee which had been banned by Government. I gave them a courteous hearing and when taking leave of me they expressed the hope that they had convinced me of their bonafides.

3. What transpired in the afternoon at the meeting which took place at 3.20 p.m. has been reported by the City Superintendent of Police in his special branch report No.C.C.1-221/44-45 dated 30-4-45 forwarded to you earlier in the day, a copy of which is enclosed. It would appear from the report that the Congress leaders were rather nervous about the action that might be taken against them and that the business transacted at the meeting was purely formal. It is also understood that some of the leaders who were expected to come did not arrive. I would, in this connection, invite your kind reference to the press reports in the local papers published this evening (cuttings enclosed) in which the meeting has been described as that of the leaders of the Congress.

Yours sincerely
N. Madhava Rao

V.Vedavyasacharya,Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Secret report No.C.C.1-221/44-45 dated 30th April 45 from the City Superintendent of Police to the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District.

POLITICAL.

I have the honour to report that Mr.S.Nijalingappa General Secretary of the Mysore Congress wrote to me in reply to my letter of the 29th instant stating that the meeting called for by him this day and tomorrow is in the nature of a meeting by the President of the Congress with the leaders etc. A copy of the letter written by him is herein enclosed.

From enquiries made by my special branch it is ascertained that the first subject for the discussion amongst the leaders was the implication conveyed in my letters, to the General Secretary. They were anxious to make their position clear to the effect that they haveno intention to break any rules or orders. With this end in view Messrs.S.Nijalingappa and Mr.K.T.Bhashyam decided in the morning to explain in person their position to the Deputy Commissioner.

Last night after the receipt of my second letter they had thought of intimating telegraphically all the leaders not to proceed to Bangalore. Subsequently they dropped the idea. Since they had already called for the meeting they feel that even after making their position and intention clear to the authorities if they drop altogether visiting the Congress Office it would affect the prestige of not only themselves but also that of the Organization. Hence this afternoon when the leaders met the President waited for some time to see the possibility of official interference. After waiting for 20 minutes from 3-30 p.m. they proceeded to discuss their position, the consequences of their being proceeded against and the results that would follow. Evidently they realised the seriousness of the situation.

The members thatmet were Messrs: T.Subrahmanyam, A.G.R.Rao,S.Nijalingappa,A.G.Bandi Gowda,M.Hutche Gowda, K.R.Madhava Rao.H.Siddiah,S.Chenniah and by invitation Messrs; K.Chengalaraya Reddy,Siddavanahalli Krishna Sharma and T.T.Sharma. The first subject was about the legality of their meeting and about my letters to the General Secretary. At 3-30 p.m. Mr.K.Chengaraya Reddy came out and went to Mr.Bhashyam's house where both of them are closetted(4-35 p.m.) The Sessions' question is the next subject for discussion as there is the possibility of the same being further postpones on account of certain difficulties. In this case there must be something in their constitution for the new President to take charge from the retiring President. Moreover this is the first meeting of the leaders who constituted the Working Committee after the election of Mr.S.Nijalingappa to the Presidentship. Further information is being gathered.

Were they not members of the working committee?

The members of the City Congress Workers' Committee met last night under the Presidentship of Mr.Bhashyam to discuss in detail the programme of Constructive activities adopted in the previous meeting. The question of addressing suitable letters to the members of the legislature and the municipality to raise Rs.3000/- and the State Congress to contribute Rs.2000/- was discussed.

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N. Madhava Rao

D.O.letter dated 30th April 45 from the General Secretary Mysore Congress to the City Superintendent of Police,Bangalore City.

With reference to your letter No.C.C.1-221 44-45 dated 29-4-45 I have to state that the meeting proposed to be held today and tomorrow is not thet of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress.

The President Mysore Congress has been consulting those who happened to be members of the Working Committee in their individual capacity and other leaders of the Mysore Congress whenever he felt the need to carry on the normal activities of the Congress. This has been going on since the releases in December 43, The present meeting is one such. The expression " Member of the Working Committee " is descriptive only and does not denote capacity.

I hope that this clarification will remove any doubts that may be entertained regarding the legal character of the meeting.

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CONGRESS LEADERS CONFER

BANGALORE, April 30

A meeting of the leaders of the Mysore Congress was held this afternoon at the Congress office, Mr. T. S brahmanya presiding. The meeting, it is learnt, discussed subjects to be placed before the forthcoming special session of the Congress. The meeting, it is also learnt, discussed the venue of the session.

It is stated that the authorities made enquiries a to the nature of the meeting.

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D.O. No. 40 28/. C/B. dated 12-5-45

Dear Sir

With reference to your letters No.P.C. 66, dated 29th and 30th April 1945, to the Dewan, regarding the meeting of the Congress Working Committee on 30th April 1945 and 1st May 1945, I am desired to state as follows:--

It was only to be expected that the organisers of the meeting would come forward with some explanation of the sort offered by them. The main points for consideration, however, are only the exact legal position in respect of their action in having actually convened the meeting and the sufficiency of the evidence available to sustain any legal proceedings that may be launched.

The circular letter, dated 20th April 1945 issued by the General Secretary of the Congress convening the meeting, definitely mentions that "a meeting of the members of the Working Committee" ~~was~~ is arranged to be held, and in the letter dated 28-4-45 of the Joint Secretary Mysore Congress, to the City Superintendent of Police, there is a clear admission that the meeting ~~was~~ is "a meeting of the members who constituted the Working Committee before the latter was declared unlawful." The distinction sought to be made between a meeting of the Working Committee and a meeting of the members constituting the same appears to lack substance and prima facie would not appear to affect the illegal nature of the meeting.

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In the circumstances, the convening of the meeting in this case is a breach of the order declaring the Working Committee to be an unlawful association and ~~as such~~ therefore any person who took part, and any person who assisted is liable to ~~be~~ the penalties provided in Section 12 of the Mysore Public Security Act. I am to request that after checking enquiries further steps may be taken to institute proceedings against the persons concerned.

Yours sincerely,

11.5.1945

Chief Secretary to Govt.

N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

No. 4029 (CB. Dated 12-5-45.
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Mr.N.Madhava Rao,B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

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Bangalore
14th May 1945.

My dear Sir

In acknowledging your [redacted] confidential D.O.letter No.4028/CB dated 12th May 45 re: the meeting of the Mysore Congress Working Committee on the 30th April and 1st May 45, I write to state, ~~that~~ for the information of Government, that the City Superintendent of Police, Bangalore City has been instructed to proceed against the persons who participated in the said meeting.

The result of action taken will be intimated in due course.

Yours sincerely
N. Madhava Rao

V.Vedavyasacharya,Esq.,B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt of Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND LAW.

BANGALORE

Dated 20th May 1945.

I enclose herewith, a brief note for the information of the Dewan and for the gracious perusal of His Highness, on the discussions which the President of the Mysore State Congress had with me on 19-5-1945 at Mysore where I happened to be camping at the time.

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The Mysore State Congress has, for some time past, been thinking of holding a special session of the Congress at some place or other in the State. It is also now fairly well known that since the last elections, there have been various dissensions within their ranks and it was probably hoped that the dissensions will be closed if a special session of the Congress was held. It was first reported that they were thinking of holding a special session at some place at Kolar District and later it was said that the session would be held at Bangalore on the 12th and 13th of May. Finally, the venue was changed to Mysore and the dates of the special session were announced as 19th and 20th of May. On the 30th of April and 1st of May, a meeting of leaders of the Congress was held at Bangalore. From the notices issued, the Government had reason to think that it was in substance, a meeting of the Working Committee of the Congress. The Working Committee of the Congress is banned under a Notification of 1942 while the Congress as such, is under no such ban. Action was taken against the Congress leaders for violating the ban on meetings of the Congress Working Committee. It was suspected that the special session of the Congress was arranged at Mysore to attract the special attention of His Highness and also make themselves a source of nuisance and embarrassment to the Government. The District Magistrate, Mysore, was instructed to prohibit under the Defence of India Rules, all meetings and processions in Mysore Town without his special permission. Practically all the leaders of

Congress and a few hundred delegates arrived in Mysore on the 18th and 19th. There were consultations regarding the action to be taken in view of the order passed by the District Magistrate, Mysore. On the morning of the 19th, the leaders of the Congress telephoned to me whether I could grant them an interview. I replied I had no objection to see them. Accordingly Mr. Subrahmanyam, the President of the Congress and Mr. Chengalraya Reddi, leader of the Congress Party in the Legislative Council met me about noon. They explained their point of view and I explained, with due circumspection of course, the Government point of view. I made it clear that the Government had no special hostility to any organization in the State and on the contrary they wanted cordiality to prevail all-round but at the same time, could not tolerate law being undermined in any manner. I also made it clear that no discussion was possible if the special session at Mysore was not abandoned without any reservations. I kept the Dewan informed over the telephone of the progress of the discussions. Eventually, a certain agreement was reached which is reduced to writing and enclosed herewith, subscribed to by the President of the Congress and it is self-explanatory.

2) The contents are :-

(1) That the President of the Congress should write a letter to Government about the meeting on 30th April and 1st May that the Working Committee members had no intention to violate the ban on meetings of the Working Committee, that the notices issued were incorrectly worded that certain leaders were invited for mere consultation and that the resulting misapprehension was regretted and in the circumstances the Government might be requested to drop the proceedings that have been instituted.

(2) That the Congress will abandon the session at

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Mysore without any reservations.

(3) That only a brief statement will be issued by the President that on account of special circumstances and difficulties the session had to be given up and that it is open to the Congress to consider holding a session at some other date somewhere else.

(4) That the Government will consider instructing the District Magistrate, Mysore, to withdraw in due course the order under the Defence of India Rules prohibiting meetings in Mysore, as the Congress has no intention of holding at Mysore another Congress session or of meetings of any ~~kt~~ of the other organizations which have been banned at present.

3) In pursuance of paragraph 1 of the agreement, Mr. Subrahmanyam, President of the Congress has sent a letter this morning which is enclosed herewith. He states that the letter is not for publication and that a copy of the agreement reached and approved by him may be sent to him for reference. This can be examined separately. It is observed that the contents of the letter addressed by the President to the Chief Secretary are somewhat different from paragraph 1 of the agreement he reached with me on 19-5-45. Probably after he left me, his followers must have heckled that he gave up a lot. Fearing this kind of discrepancy, I made notes ~~f~~ of the discussions I had with the two leaders on the 19th and it will be observed that the working of the agreement subscribed to by the President on the 19th is somewhat different from the letter which he has sent on the 20th May. When I read over the contents of the agreement to the Dewan on the phone on the afternoon of 19th May, he said that it was about the best possible understanding that could be reached in the circumstances. In view of all that has happened, the action contemplated

against the Congree leaders who met on 30th April and 1st of May will have to be dropped and in view of the undertaking given by the President in paragraph 4 of his agreement with me, the District Magistrate, Mysore, might be suitably instructed to withdraw in due course, the order under the Defence of India Rules prohibiting meetings in Mysore.

4) I understand the Congress leaders are contemplating holding a session of the Congress somewhere else at some early date in order to press for the inclusion of their representatives in the new Cabinet but as the Congress Organization as such is under no ban, we may have to watch and if the leaders or any of the Congress men transgress the bounds of law, suitable action can be taken at any time. The agreement with the Congress President dated 19-5-45 referred to above and the two letters from the Congress President dated 20-5-45 are enclosed for favour of perusal and information.

5) The Chief Secretary can be instructed to take action on the points mentioned in the two letters of the President of the Congress dated 20th May 1945.

6) Attention is invited to paragraph 7 at page 2 of the confidential report of the Special Branch enclosed herewith which says :-

> "There seems to be satisfaction in Congress Circles regarding the result of the interview and most of them seem to be happy for the opportunity afforded to them for a better understanding with the Government."

I am afraid this understanding and this happiness can at best be only short-lived but anyhow, we have the satisfaction that we have done the best to promote a more cordial atmosphere between the Government and a large political party in the State.

Their activities will have to be watched and appropriate action taken as and when circumstances demand.

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The Statement given by the Congress leaders is to the following effect. This was issued at the Congress Office at about 11-30 p.m. yesterday.

I and Mr. Chengalaraya Reddi met again the Law Minister this evening and considered all aspects of the question of the situation and we came to the conclusion that it is desirable that the holding of the special Session in Mysore should be dropped. The Session, will, however, be held and the exact date, time and place will be announced in due course. I am sorry for the inconvenience caused for many of my friends and I convey the sympathies of my colleagues and myself to them.

Mr. T. SUBRAHMANYAM.

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Submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, Mysore.

Sd/ M. Narasimhiah,
for Dist. Superintendent of Police,
Mysore District. 20-5-1945.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. T. C. 350/44-45

Submitted to the Minister for Revenue & Law, for kind information.

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

SUBMITTED:

SUBJECT:- OPEN SESSION OF THE MYSORE CONGRESS.

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1) In continuation of the previous reports, beg to state that Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress Parliamentary Committee, along with a batch of 30 volunteers arrived this morning from Shimoga by train. They immediately proceeded to Mr. S. Chenniah's house and Mr. Siddiah took part in the discussions which were being continued since yesterday night. The discussions mainly centred on the holding of the Sessions or postponing it and at about 12 Noon they came to an interim decision that they should not act on the spur of the moment without knowing the attitude of the Government towards the Congress. With that objective in view, it was decided by them that the President of the Mysore Congress, Mr. T.Subramanya, should interview the Minister for Revenue and Law, who is camping in Mysore. During the discussions, the leaders felt that there was no ban on Mysore Congress and the object of calling the Sessions was to discuss in detail the Congress policy and the attainment of Responsible Government and not to criticise the Government. Therefore, they should first know fully the policy of Government in promulgating the Prohibitory Order.

2) Consequent on this, Mr. T. Subramanya accompanied by Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy called on the Minister for Revenue and Law at about 12-30 p.m., and had talks with him for about an hour. After the interview, Mr. T.Subramanya in a Press interview stated that they were meeting the Minister again in the evening at about 5 p.m., and the whole situation was being reviewed by them.

3) Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddy, Mali Mariappa of Tumkur, M.N. Sitaramiah, Hiranmayahji, K. Shamaraja Iyengar arrived in the afternoon by train and proceeded to Mr. S.Chenniah's house.

4) At about 4-30 p.m., Messrs: T.Subramanya and K. Chengalaraya Reddy again called on the Minister and had discussions with him. They came out at 6-40 p.m., and proceeded to the

the Tea Party arranged by the Municipal Congress Party in honour of Mr. S.Nijalingappa.

5) About 45 persons attended the Tea Party. All the prominent Congressmen who have come here had been invited. Mr. Nijalingappa did not address the gathering as was expected, because Mr. T. ~~Xxxxxxx~~ Subramanya had strictly instructed him and other leaders not to discuss politics there.

6) After the party was over, all the leaders met again in Mr. S. Chenniah's house and continued their discussions. At about 10-30 p.m., in the course of a statement to the press, Mr. T. Subramanya is learnt to have stated that they had completely abandoned the idea of holding the Session at Mysore and that it would be held at a later date and the venue for the same would be decided. He expressed his regret for the inconvenience - caused to the delegates on account of the postponement of the Sessions.

7) There seems to be satisfaction in Congress circles regarding the result of the interview and most of them seem to be happy for the opportunity afforded to them for a better understanding with the Government.

About 300 delegates who have come here for the Sessions, have been requested to return to their places at their convenience.

Mr. H. Siddiah in a Press interview said that, in England many Orders under the Defence Act had been withdrawn and at present there was no agitation anywhere in India. The Mysore Congress which has earned the confidence and esteem of the public, is reviewing the question of Responsible Government and the formation of the Ministry, and the sudden passing of the Prohibitory Order and the several searches made by the Police were uncalled for. The authorities had attracted public opinion and afforded an opportunity for a fresh awakening among the people. He felt confident that the Mysore Congress would attain its objective early. During the Presidentship of Mr. S.Nij ngappa, they expected intelligent and far-sighted progressive policy in

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in Mysore Congress.

Condemning the Prohibitory Order, Mr. T. Mariappa has issued a statement to the press to the following effect:-

"The Prohibitory Order issued by the Deputy Commissioner shows lack of wisdom. Probably, the authorities felt that they should not allow legal and peaceful deliberations which might have ensued in the Sessions. They need not be under the impression that the victory in the European War would procure the people rights of citizenship merely for the asking and that the freedom of speech must be attained after a great deal of struggle This is an instance to show that the Government do not want the co-operation of the people and would pursue a policy of repression. History has shown that in the end people were always victorious.

Mr. B. Srikantappa, Convenor of the Mysore State Students' Conference in a statement to the press, says that the Prohibitory Order has provoked the student population, as it has come in the way of their Conference scheduled to be held in the month of July, and that the All-Mysore Students' Conference Committee would meet shortly to review the situation created out of this Order

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Mysore- Camp,
19th May 1945.

K. Narayana Rao
INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
Provincial Special Branch.

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OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR REVENUE AND LAW, BANGALORE.

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1) That the President of the Council should write a letter to Govt about the meeting on 30th Apr and 18th May that the working Committee members had no intention to violate the ban on meetings of the working Committee, that the notices issued were incorrectly worded that certain leaders were invited for mere consultation and that the resulting misapprehension was regretted and in the circumstances the Govt might be requested to drop the

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proceedings have been instituted.

2) that the Congress will abandon the Session at Mysore without any reservations.

3) that only a brief s/ll will be issued by the President that on a/c special circumstances & difficulties the Session had to be given up and that it is open to the Congress to consider holding a Session at some other date somewhere else.

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3) Consider any thing objectionable has been done or said at such session.

4) That the Govt will consider intuating the W.V. Mysore to withdraw in the course the order under the D.T. Rules prohibiting meetings in Mysore, as the Congress has no intention of holding at Mysore another Congress Session or of meetings of any of the other orgns which have been planned at present.

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Camp. Mysore.
20th may '45.

Dear Mr. Pulla Reddi,

In pursuance of yesterday's talk; I have, herewith, sent a letter addressed to the chief Secretary. The said letter, you will agree with me, is not meant for publication. I request you to send me a copy of the draft prepared by you and initialled by me for my reference.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely
T. Subramanya,
President
M.L.S.N.C. Congress

To,
O. Pulla Reddi Esqr. I.C.S.
Minister for Law and order
Camp. Mysore.

Camp. Mysore
20th may 1945.

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From,
The President
Mysore Congress.
Cottonpet. Bangalore city.

To,
The Chief Secretary
to
the Government of Mysore
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

The General Secretary, mysore Congress, in his letter dated 30.4.45, addressed to the D.S.P. Bangalore city, has made it clear that the meeting arranged for the said date was not a working committee meeting. When we met on 30.4.45 and 1-5-45 we had no intention of disobeying the ban on the meetings of the working committee. The meeting was intended to be a consultative one. I see that the wording of the notices issued was capable of being interpreted in a way not intended by us and thus incorrect. The resulting mis-apprehension is regretted. I hope the Government under the circumstances, would drop the proceedings.

Yours Sincerely
T. Subramanya

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Subject.- Control of subversive activities of political agitators.

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District and City Committees of the Mysore Congress.

In a Notification issued in August 1942, the marginally noted organisations of the Mysore Congress were declared to be unlawful associations, under Sec.11 of the Mysore Public Security Act XII of 1940. Under Sec.12 of the same Act, persons who participate in the meetings of such an association, or assist in the operations of such an association, are liable to the penalties indicated therein.

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2. From statements appearing in the newspapers, it was gathered that a meeting of the Congress Working Committee had been arranged to be held at Bangalore on 30th April and 1st May 1945. The attention of the District Magistrate, Bangalore, was drawn to the above announcement and to the circumstances that the Congress Working Committee continued to be an unlawful association by virtue of the notification referred to above. As a result of the enquiries made by the District Magistrate, ~~regarding the meeting referred to,~~ it was found that a circular had been issued to the members from the Congress Office on 20th April 1945 intimating that "a meeting of the Members of the Working Committee" had been arranged to be held on Monday the 30th April 1945 and also the next day in the Congress Office, Bangalore City. The Joint Secretary, Mysore Congress, who was addressed in the matter by the Supdt. of Police, Bangalore City, has attempted to explain that the meeting under advertence was "not a meeting of the Working

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Committee of the Mysore Congress as such, but a meeting of the members who constituted the Working Committee before the latter was declared unlawful". In the letter of the Joint Secretary Mysore Congress, as well as in the Circular above referred to, there is an admission that the meeting in question was a meeting of the members who constituted the Working Committee. The distinction sought to be made between a meeting of the Committee and a meeting of the members constituting the same is one which lacks substance and does not take away from the essentially illegal nature of the meeting. This is ~~an express~~ violation of an order in force and is of significance, having regard to the recent tendencies of the congress leaders. In the circumstances, the District Magistrate, Bangalore, was requested to take further steps, after collecting evidence, to institute proceedings against the persons concerned, in connection with the meeting of the Congress Working Committee which continues to be an unlawful association. The District Magistrate has been taking necessary action accordingly.

3. It was also reported that arrangements were being made for holding an Open Session of the Mysore Congress at Mysore about the middle of this month, and that it was contemplated to take the President in procession in a chariot drawn by several pairs of bullocks. The Inspector - General of Police considered that it was not desirable to allow Congress workers to take the President in a mammoth procession in Mysore City,

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and suggested that ~~it was desirable to ban~~ any such procession might be banned. The District Magistrate Mysore, also sought the instructions of Govt whether the holding of the Conference might be stopped, or whether it would be sufficient if the proceedings of the conference were watched. After ~~an~~ careful examination ~~of all aspect~~ of the question, Government considered that in the absence of information regarding the nature of the deliberations at the proposed sessions and its possible repercussions on the public, it was not possible for Government themselves to give any definite and final instructions in regard to the holding of the meeting. The attention of the District Magistrate was, however, invited to Rule 56 of the Defence of India Rules under which he was empowered to take action to regulate processions, meetings, assembli etc. and it was suggested to him that he ~~may~~ might take necessary steps under the said Rule so that processions, meetings, assemblies, etc., other than religious processions and meetings, could be held in the Mysore City only under permission to be granted by him and subject to such conditions as ~~may~~ might be imposed by him having regard to the circumstances of each case. The District Magistrate was further informed that, in any case, it was not desirable to permit an public processions in connection with the session or other political meetings. It is since understood that the District Magistra has taken action accordingly.

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4. The papers are submitted for His Highness' gracious perusal.

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Subject: Proposal to drop proceedings against Congress leaders who participated in the meetings held on the 30th April and 1st May 1945

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In my submission note No.893 dated 19-5-45, I reported to His Highness the action taken by Government regarding-(a) the holding of a meeting at Bangalore on 30th April and 1st May, of the Mysore Congress Working Committee which continues to be an unlawful association under a Notification issued in 1942 under Section 11 of the Mysore Public Security Act, and (b) the proposed holding of an open Session of the Mysore Congress at Mysore on 19th and 20th May 1945.

Action was accordingly taken by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, to collect evidence and proceed against the persons concerned for holding a meeting of the Congress Working Committee in violation of the Notification. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, also issued an order, under the Defence of India Rules prohibiting the holding of meetings, processions etc., (other than religious processions and meetings) in Mysore City except under permission to be obtained from the Deputy Commissioner.

In view of these developments, Messrs. T. Subramanya and K. Chengalaraya Reddi, on behalf of the Congress, interviewed the Minister for Revenue and Law, who happens to be camping at Mysore at the moment, and tried to ascertain the intentions and policy of Government towards the Congress and to arrive at a correct understanding of the position. An account of the discussion that took place at the interview is given in the Note of the Minister which is submitted herewith for gracious perusal.

The congress leaders have abandoned the idea of holding a Congression session in the Mysore State and in view of the assurances given by them

~~The understanding arrived at appears to be the best in the circumstances, and it is proposed to take action in accordance with the suggestions made in paragraphs 3 to 5 of the note of the Minister~~ to accept the suggestions made by the Minister Revenue & Law, with satisfaction

to drop further proceedings against the Congress leaders who participated in the meetings held on the 30th April & 1st May. ~~The further [illegible]~~

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